

Exhibit III-5

Date

Owner's name and address

PRECONDEMNATION NOTICE
PROJECT - COUNTY
PARCEL(S)

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is planning to let to contract a highway project that will affect land in which you have an interest or in which you hold title.

The NDDOT has been unable to acquire the necessary property interest from you because_____. It is now necessary that the NDDOT acquire these needed lands, and interest in lands, by means of eminent domain action and a deposit with the clerk of court. You will be notified by the NDDOT's Director in a formal offer to purchase and by the clerk of court of the county in which the deposit is made.

In an acquisition resulting from eminent domain proceedings, all fences, buildings, and other improvements on the right of way will become the property of the state. The amount deposited with the clerk of court is intended to cover all land and improvements, plus damages to the remainder of the unit.

You may pick up the amount deposited at the clerk of court's office by showing proof of title. If the amount offered and deposited is not acceptable, the law gives you the right to appeal the action for a judicial determination of the amount of compensation to which you are entitled. In such an event, you should immediately consult your attorney.

We regret that actions of this type sometimes become necessary due to one factor or another.

If you have questions, please call Don Wolf or Pat Krieger at 328-2610 or 1-800-432-1395.

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